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District 15 2nd Annual MESH Picnic at Greensboro

If you need something to do or a place to go this summer, Cary Lodge might just have the answer for you. We have a host of activities scheduled for July and August, some new and some old. Following St. John's Day, on June 29th, the next big event for our Lodge is our 2nd Annual District 15 MESH Picnic at Greensboro, on July 13th. That Saturday, the Brothers, their families and friends will gather at the Masonic and Eastern Star Home, at Greensboro to entertain and serve our residents, of the Home, a wonderful BBQ lunch. Everyone is invited to attend and enjoy the wonderful and entertaining meal. For those who have never visited the Home, this is a great opportunity for you to see Masonry in action! Those who wish to assist in serving the meals should plan on arriving at the Home not later than 1030 am. This is also a great opportunity for you to answer those who have asked you what Masonry is and show them what it does. If you know of a prospective candidate for the Lodge, bring him along to see and experience the brotherly love and friendship that makes our Fraternity so special. Brother Gerald Edwards has put together a great show, including band music, vocal, clowns and comedy! If you have some time on Thursday, July 11th, stop by the Lodge and help us prepare the BBQ then join us at Greensboro on that Saturday and have a great day!

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Just an Old Fashioned Summer Picnic For District 15

As the summer days roll on and you find yourself looking for just a day to "get away from it all", mark July 27th on your calendars. A "good old fashioned picnic" is planned for the Brethren of Masonic District 15 and their families and friends, at Bond Park, in Cary. The Buehler Pavilion has been reserved for our use, from 9 am to 3 pm, on Saturday, July 27th. This is not a fund raiser, nor does it have any other planned agenda. Since the District has put on picnics for both the Masonic Home for Children at Oxford and MESH, at Greensboro, we thought it would be nice just to put on a picnic just for ourselves. It is simply a "do it yourself" picnic where we can gather for some fun and fellowship, enjoy each other's company and simply "be lazy". Bring your picnic lunch, your families, the children, friends and even your pets! Alcoholic beverages are not allowed in the park and all pets must remain on a leash not to exceed 6 feet in length. A letter, with details, is being sent to all lodges in the District.

How About a Lazy Daze Breakfast?

August 24th is the Cary Lazy Daze Arts and Crafts Festival, an event that has grown to monumental proportions in recent years. Well, how about starting the day off with a great breakfast? In appreciation of all the volunteer work and contributions made by our Cary Masonic family, our two Eastern Star Chapters as well as the work performed by our Rainbow Girls and Jobs Daughters, throughout the year, the brothers of Cary Masonic Lodge 198 are preparing and hosting a breakfast, just for you, before you go spend "Dad's" money at the Festival! That's right, some of the finest breakfast cooks in Cary (your Masonic brothers) will start your day off with stacks of pancakes, ham and eggs! Join us a Cary Lodge on Saturday, August 24th, from 7 am to 1100 am for our Appreciation Breakfast and accept our heart-felt thank you for a wonderful year!

When Was the Last Time You Had a Rusty Nail?

Ever heard of a "Rusty Nail?" Not the drink, the degree! That's right, there is a fun side-degree called the "Rusty Nail." It is given to any Masonic brother who has not been in Lodge for some time and wants a refresher course on the degree work and catechisms. If you have never seen it put on, hold onto your seats and mark your calendars for Saturday, August 17th. That day, several volunteer brothers from around District 15 will confer the "Rusty Nail" degree on anyone who attends. In addition, several other Masonic plays will be put on during the course of the day. These include the "Hiramic Monologue", "In Defense of the Ruffians", and the "Open Chair Degree", honoring brothers who have passed on to the Celestial Lodge above. This day of wonderful Masonic Education will take place at Cary Lodge, on Saturday, August 17th, beginning at 8 am and ending by 12 noon. Breakfast will be served beginning at 7 am. To make it a really special event, call a brother who you have not seen at the lodge recently and ask him to attend and be a candidate in the "Rusty Nail." All members of District 15 Masonic Lodges are invited to attend and actively participate. If you would like to volunteer to play a role in any of the degrees and plays, please call or contact either Dave Mili-donis ((919) 469-5073 or DMilidonis@aol.com) or Jim Talaska (JTalaska@nc.rr.com).

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

- ? St. John's Day June 29th
- ? 15th Dist MESH Picnic Jul 13th
- ? District 15 Appreciation Picnic, Bond Park July 27
- ? Masonic Education Day, Cary Lodge, August 17
- ? Cary Lazy Daze Breakfast at Lodge 7-11 am Aug 24th
- ? Fall BBQ Oct 4th

July 2002						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Cary 198	2	3	4 Cary Shrine Club	5 York Rite	6
7	8	9	10	11 Scottish Rite	12	13 MESH Dist 15 Picnic Greensboro
14	15 Cary 198	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27 Dist 15 Appreciation Picnic
28	29	30	31			

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				1 Cary Shrine Club	2 York Rite	3
4	5 Cary 198	6	7	8 Scottish Rite	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17 Dist 15 Rusty Nail and Education Day
18	19 Cary 198	20	21	22	23	24 Cary Lazy Daze Breakfast at Lodge! 7-11 am
25	26	27	28	29	30	31



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Cary Lodge Fund Raising Updates

Our Spring 2002 BBQ Fund Raiser collected over \$7,300 in revenues! This was a great effort and it has set the mark for our Fall BBQ. The Fall BBQ is scheduled for October 4th. Year-to-date, through May, we have also collected the following individual contributions to our charities: MHC Oxford: \$494; MESH, Greensboro: \$344; NC Foundation: \$65.

We are well on the way to making this a banner year for our charity donations and all your efforts and contributions are deeply appreciated. As a reminder, included as a page in this and all of our newsletters are contribution cards that you can cut out and send in, with your checks, designating how and where you want your contribution to be distributed.

Again, join us this October 4th and help make our Fall BBQ Fund Raiser one of the best yet! We express our deepest, heartfelt "Thank You" to each and every one.

Apron Fund Update

Year-to-Date through June our Lodge Apron Fund has collected \$818. We have almost reached the full amount of the cost of the new aprons. To make this purchase a fully-funded one, without having to draw from our budgeted funds, we only need \$300 more. Please pass on any donation you wish to make to this fund to our Lodge Secretary, Brother Carson Clippard. Thank you for your generosity.

Raleigh Temple Restoration Fund

Year-to-date through June 2002, the Raleigh Temple Restoration Fund has collected \$500. Brethren, as a reminder, this is an open fund with no ultimate goal or time limit. We are simply collecting contributions that individuals wish to make to the Raleigh Temple Restoration Project, in the name of Cary Lodge 198. Lodge brothers of the Valley of Raleigh Scottish Rite and York Rite Raleigh Bodies know this venerable building well. They also know of its long history and have first-hand experience in understanding how important the restoration project is, not only to the Rites, but to every Mason of the State of North Carolina. Speak to any Rite brother and he will tell you how important this project is to the life of the building and the Rites that are housed within its walls. The total restoration project estimated cost exceeds \$800,000, so we have a long way to go. As far as we know, Cary Lodge is the only Lodge in the State that has taken it upon themselves, as a Lodge, to assist in this "great and noble" work. We continue to lead the way. Members of the Rites who know the history of Zerrubbabel, from their degrees, know the daunting task that he and his countrymen faced at the rebuilding of the Temple in Jerusalem. The task of restoring the Raleigh Temple appears to be just as daunting. But, as Zerrubbabel's example showed us, it can be done and we, too, can do it. With that in mind and heart, please give thought to making a contribution, great or small, to this project some time this year. Simply send Brother Secretary Carson Clippard your check to "Cary Lodge 198", designated for the Raleigh Temple Restoration project and accept our thank you for your thoughtfulness and faith in this endeavor.

How Many Certified Lecturers Will Cary Lodge Have?

The week of August 19th, at locations throughout the State, the Board of Custodians will hold its annual Certified Lecturer examinations. This year, our own Brother Jim Hetherington will take his exam for the first time and we know he will do a great job. When he joins the ranks of Certified Lecturers, he will become the 5th current member of Cary Lodge 198 to have done so. Currently, Worshipful Brothers Woodley Kennedy, David Winkler, Walter Highsmith (DDGL 15th Masonic District) and Brother Dave Milidonis hold Certified Lecturer certificates. I am not sure of this, but when Brother Jim joins their ranks, Cary Lodge perhaps will have more currently certified lecturers within its membership than any other lodge in the State. We wish Brother Jim the best of success in his endeavor.

For those who are interested on embarking on this path to more light in Masonry, Brother Dave Milidonis conducts classes each and every Wednesday night at 7pm, at the Lodge. These classes are open to any Brother from within the 15th Masonic District who wishes to learn more of the ritual and receive coaching leading toward his eventual certification, or needs refresher work for an upcoming re-examination. At present, Dave's class not only includes some brothers from our Lodge, but members from Garner 701 and Green Level 277 as well. If you want to learn the lectures or simply want to dig deeper into our ritual work, join Brother Dave each Wednesday night at the Lodge.

Masonic Home For Children, Oxford, NC Donation

Amount: Please Check One: () \$10 () \$15 () \$20 () \$25 () More than \$25, please specify _____

Send Check or Money Order to: The Secretary Cary Lodge No. 198 P.O. Box 8 Cary, NC 27512	Or one check for all or combination of the Charities, split as follows: MHC \$ _____ MESH \$ _____ NC Foundation \$ _____ Total \$ _____
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Identify the check as for the: "MHC, Oxford" Send this Payment Stub with your donation.

(Keep this portion for your records)

Masonic Home For Children Donation Check Amount \$ _____ Check Nr: _____ Date: _____

Thank you for your generous donation

Masonic and Eastern Star Home, Greensboro, NC Donation

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